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OF THE

Twenty-Ninth Convention

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod,

OF

PITTSBURGH,

HELD AT NORTH WASHINGTON, BUTLER COUNTY, PA.

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FIRST SESSION.

NORTH WASHINGTON, BUTLER COUNTY, PA.,
THURSDAY, 9 A. M., October 19th, 1871. }

According to resolution of last convention, Synod met in the Lutheran church, and was opened with singing the 434th hymn, reading the 103d Psalm, and prayer led by the President.

The Roll of Ministers was then called, and the certificates of the Lay Delegates and Commissioners presented, and their names recorded.

The following is a complete list of the names of the members of Synod :

	MINISTERS.	WHEN ORDAINED.	P. O. ADDRESS.	DELEGATES.
1.	Rev. A. Weills, (a.).....	November, 1834.....	Washington, Pa.....	
2.	" G. F. Ehrenfeld...	October, 1844.....	Leechburg, Pa.....	
3.	" W. S. Porr.....	" 1854.....	Fryburg, Pa.....	Daniel Kinch.
4.	" J. Wright.....	" 1856.....	Elderton, Pa.....	
5.	" J. H. W. Stuck-			
	enberg	May, 1859.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.....	Wm. Petrie, (a. e).
6.	" J. J. Delo.....	" 1860.....	Brookville, Pa.....	H. Barr.
7.	" J. W. Schwartz...	September, 1860.....	Worthington, Pa.....	J. C. Morrison, (a. e)
8.	" A. S. Miller.....	October, 1860.....	North Hope, Pa.....	Jac. Daubenspeck.
9.	" W. E. Crebs.....	May, 1861.....	Leatherwood, Pa.....	G. L. Hetrick.
10.	" J. G. Goettman...	September, 1862.....	Alleghany City, Pa.....	J. Seibert, (a. e).
11.	" S. B. Barnitz.....	" 1862.....	Wheeling, W. Virginia.	Uriah Shepp, (a. e).
12.	" V. Miller, (a. e)...	" 1862.....	Clear Spring, Md.....	
13.	" A. McLaughlin...	" 1864.....	Pittsburg, Pa.....	
14.	" F. T. Hoover.....	November, 1865.....	Leechburg, Pa.....	Henry Ashbaugh.
15.	" J. F. Dietterich...	October, 1866.....	La Martine, Pa	John Johnston.
16.	" M. Colver.....	September, 1867.....	Apollo, Pa.....	Jno. H. Townsend.
17.	" J. B. Miller.....	" 1869.....	New Wilmington, Pa...	S. L. Ogden.
18.	" S. S. Stouffer.....	" 1869.....	Peachville, Pa	J. Starr.
19.	" T. Atkinson.....	October, 1869.....	330 Walnut-st., Phil'a.	Agt Nat'l Orphans'
				Homestead, Get'g
20.	" J. W. Reese.....	June, 1871.....	Curllsville, Pa.....	John H. Smith.
21.	" D. L. Ryder.....	October, 1871.....	Monongahela City, Pa.	J. H. Weygandt.
22.	" A. W. McCullough	" 1871.....	Long Run, Pa.....	
23.	" H. H. Hall.....		Pittsburgh, Pa.....	Prison Missionary.

NOTE.—(a.) signifies absent; (a. e.) absent excused.

VACANT CHARGES.

CHARGES.	COMMISSIONERS.
Freeport Charge.....	Samuel Ashbaugh.
Kittanning Charge.....	

After the roll was called it was found that there was no quorum present; whereupon a season was occupied with devotional exercises, after which Synod adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Prayer by Brother Delo.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod convened, and was opened with prayer by Brother Reese. The roll was called, and it was found that there was not yet a quorum.

It was resolved that we spend an hour in religious exercises. Rev. J. B. Crist preached a sermon on 2 Tim. ii. 3.

At the conclusion of this service, a quorum being present, Synod proceeded with its business.

The President then read his annual report, which was as follows:

BELOVED BRETHREN: "Grace be unto you, and peace from God, the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

Another Synodical year has passed; God has graciously preserved our lives, and we are again assembled together to deliberate upon the general interests and welfare of our Church.

To some of our number this has been a year of pain and sorrow. Sickness has broken in upon our ranks. One of our most beloved and useful brethren is still so impaired in his health that he cannot be actively engaged in the Master's work.

There is another in our midst to-day whose home has been sorely bereaved and made desolate. Two of his dear children lately fell asleep in Jesus. I refer to this sad visitation of God's providence, to express to the dear brother and his companion our heartfelt sympathy in their sore bereavement. May the Lord comfort their stricken hearts, and help them to believe that they who have faded from them here still bloom immortal in a happier home; and may God graciously overrule this dispensation for their spiritual good, that it may draw them into still nearer communion with Him, and fit them the better for a devoted life and a glorious immortality.

We have great reason to be unfeignedly thankful to our Heavenly Father for the riches of His blessings upon our land. Never, perhaps, in the history of this nation, has the earth yielded her increase more bountifully. Truly the Lord has crowned the year with His goodness.

But God has also laid upon this nation the hand of affliction. There is a wail of distress and suffering from thousands of our brethren in the West that does, and must still further, appeal to the heart of every Christian.

Complying with the duty of my office, I now present to you a brief report of my official acts during the past Synodical year.

INSTALLATION.

Dec. 11th, 1870. Rev. F. T. Hoover was installed pastor of the Leechburg charge; Revs. M. Colver, S. S. Stouffer and G. F. Ehrenfelt officiated. Rev. S. Stouffer delivered the charge to the people, from 1 Cor. xvi. 10, and Rev. M. Colver to the pastor, from John xx. 21. The services were held in the Academy at 11 o'clock, A. M., the building being crowded to its utmost capacity.

REMOVALS.

Soon after our last convention, Rev. S. S. Stouffer accepted a call from the West Sunbury charge, in which he has since been laboring with much encouragement.

Rev. Miller was compelled, on account of ill health, to resign his charge in our Synod. He has no particular field of labor at present, but continues his connection with this body.

This affliction has taken from our midst the faithful and self-denying ministry of a brother whose zeal and devotion to his Master's work are known to you all. We pray the Great Head of the Church, that he may speedily restore his impaired health, and open to him a field of usefulness.

Under date, May 8th, I received a letter from Rev. J. B. Miller, informing me that he had accepted a call from the Fayetteville charge, and had already entered his new field of labor.

CORNER-STONES LAID.

In June, 1870, Revs. Jonathan Sarver, and J. K. Milhorn, of the General Council, laid the corner-stone of the Mt. Union church. This act was performed during the necessary absence of the pastor from his charge, and without his knowledge.

April 15th, 1871, the corner-stone of the English Evangelical Lutheran Church in Alleghany city was laid. The services were conducted by Rev. J. H. W. Stukenberg, and the pastor.

CHURCHES DEDICATED.

October 23d, 1870. A Union (Reformed and Lutheran) church, in the charge of Rev. J. Wright, was set apart for divine worship, with appropriate services, in which the pastors, assisted by the Rev.—, of the Reformed Church, and Rev. J. W. Schwartz, of our own, officiated. The new edifice is 40 by 50 feet,

built of brick, neat and substantial, costing \$3,100, which sum was raised before the dedication.

Dec. 18th, 1870. The English Lutheran Mission chapel, at Wheeling, West Virginia, was dedicated to the service of the Triune God. Revs. F. W. Conrad, D. D., Wm. M. Baum, D. D., and T. W. L. Dosh, assisted the Pastor. The chapel is 66 by 33 feet. It is built in the modern style, and cost \$15,000.

July 2d, 1871. The Emrichville New Lutheran church was consecrated to the service of God by the pastor, Rev. I. J. Delo, assisted by Revs. W. S. Porr, J. F. Dietterich, and W. E. Crebs. The new edifice is very neat, comfortable and beautiful for situation.

Oct. 13th, 1870. The New Lutheran church at Boiling Springs, was dedicated to the service of God, with appropriate ceremony. The pastor, Rev. M. Colver, assisted by Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg, officiated. The building cost \$2,000, which amount is already paid, or covered by subscription.

VACANCIES.

The Kittanning charge has been vacant since May. This long-continued vacancy is very much to be regretted. Every effort, however, has been made to secure a regular pastor. I hope you will make immediate provision to have the charge supplied, and that the brethren will cheerfully fill their appointments.

I also visited a district of our territory during the spring, in which there is great desire to have regular preaching. But I will communicate my information on this point to the Mission Committee, to whom the matter properly belongs.

DISMISSIONS.

Some time during the spring, Rev. L. M. Heilman requested an honorable dismissal from this body, to unite with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Illinois, in whose bounds he had accepted a charge. The request was granted.

About the same time Rev. H. Gathers requested an honorable dismissal, to unite with another denomination. Your President recommends that this matter be referred to a committee.

And now, brethren, as the constitutional limits of my holding this office have expired, I resign the trust to you, thanking you for your kindness and forbearance.

May the Lord bless us abundantly in the riches of His grace in Christ Jesus.

J. G. GOETTMAN.

On motion, this report was received, and its consideration made the first order of business for to-morrow morning.

Synod then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. The President appointed Revs. J. F. Dietterich and M. Colver, tellers.

The following are the officers chosen:

REV. I. J. DELO, *President*.

REV. A. McLAUGHLIN, *Missionary President*.

REV. J. W. SCHWARTZ, *Secretary*.

C. YEAGER, ESQ., *Treasurer*.

The Synod being now fully organized, at once entered on its appropriate business.

Rev. J. W. Reese was received as a member, on presenting his certificate of dismissal from the Susquehanna Synod.

Rev. J. B. Crist, of the Alleghany Synod was admitted to a seat as an advisory member.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Brother Colver.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Synod met and was called to order by the President. Prayer by Brother Porr.

The roll was called, and the minutes were read and approved.

Rev. P. Willard, of the East Pennsylvania Synod, was admitted to a seat as an advisory member.

The President announced the usual special committees, of which the following is a complete list :

No. 1. *On Religious Services*—Revs. A. S. Miller and J. G. Goettman, and Mr. J. Daubenspeck.

No. 2. *On Minutes of Synod*—Revs. S. S. Stouffer and J. F. Dietterich, and Mr. H. Ashbaugh.

No. 3. *On Minutes of Corresponding Synods*—Revs. M. Colver and J. Wright, and Mr. S. L. Ogden.

No. 4. *On Protocol*—Revs. D. L. Ryder and J. W. Reese, and Mr. J. H. Weygandt.

No. 5. *Auditing Committee*—Rev. H. H. Hall and Mr. J. Seibert.

No. 6. *On Conferences*—Revs. S. B. Barnitz and S. S. Stouffer, and Mr. J. Starr.

No. 7. *On Absentees and Leave of Absence*—Revs. G. F. Ehrenfeld and J. B. Miller, and Mr. J. H. Smith.

No. 8. *On Vacancies*—Revs. A. McLaughlin and J. G. Goettman, and Mr. S. Ashbaugh.

No. 9. *On Pastors' Homes*—Revs. A. McLaughlin and D. L. Ryder, and Mr. J. Seibert.

No. 10. *On the State of Religion*—Revs. W. S. Parr, F. T. Hoover, and J. F. Dietterich, and Messrs. H. Barr and J. Johnston.

No. 11. *On Statistics*—Revs. J. H. W. Stuckenberg and J. W. Schwartz.

No. 12. *On Business of Congregations*—Revs. S. B. Barnitz and W. E. Crebs, and Mr. J. H. Townsend.

No. 13. *On Correspondence*—Revs. J. G. Goettman and J. Wright, and Mr. D. Kinch.

No. 14. *On Application of Brother Gathers*—Revs. F. T. Hoover and J. G. Goettman, and Mr. J. H. Smith.

No. 15. *On Temperance Resolutions*—Revs. S. S. Stouffer, D. L. Ryder and F. T. Hoover, and Messrs. J. H. Townsend and J. H. Smith.

No. 16. *On the "Report of the India Mission"*—Revs. J. G. Goettman and W. E. Crebs, and Mr. G. L. Hetrick.

No. 17. *On Lutheran Publication Society*—Revs. S. B. Barnitz, J. G. Goettman and J. H. W. Stuckenberg, and Messrs. H. Barr and J. H. Townsend.

No. 18. *On Last Year's Action concerning the Orphans' Home*—Revs. S. B. Barnitz, A. McLaughlin, and J. G. Goettman, and Messrs. J. Starr and J. Daubenspeck.

No. 19. *To install Rev. S. S. Stouffer*—Revs. F. T. Hoover and J. W. Schwartz.

The President's Report was now taken up, considered by its items, and adopted.

The application of Bro. H. Gathers to be dismissed to another denomination was referred to Committee No. 14, consisting of Revs. F. T. Hoover and J. G. Goettman, and Mr. J. H. Smith.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BLANK PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Brother A. McLaughlin submitted the following:

The Committee on Parochial Reports report as follows:

At the last convention of Synod, the Committee on Parochial

Reports was, by a resolution of Synod, made a standing committee; and was instructed to prepare blanks for the use of the ministers, and to distribute them four weeks before the Convention.

Your committee have discharged their duty as follows:

1st. One thousand blanks have been prepared in small sheet form. In this blank they have tried to have a place for every item; and they hope the brethren will have everything in its place.

2d. One thousand sheets of large letter paper were headed with the words "Report on the State of Religion."

3d. About the same number of envelopes were procured in which to inclose these blanks.

All this paper was purchased, and this printing done, at a cost of \$14.

Respectfully submitted,

A. McLAUGHLIN,
H. HALL.

The report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE EAST OHIO SYNOD.

Brother J. B. Miller presented the following:

Your delegate to the East Ohio Synod reports that he could not attend the meeting of that body, which took place only a week since. He could not be absent from his charge two consecutive weeks. He, however, addressed a letter to said Synod, conveying the fraternal greetings of this body; and expressed the desire to have a delegate to represent them in this Synod at its coming convention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. MILLER.

The report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO VISIT MAYSVILLE.

Brother Hoover offered the following:

Your committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to visit the Maysville congregation, respectfully report as follows:

We met the Maysville people in a congregational meeting on the 1st of November last, and gave them such counsel as in the circumstances we deemed best.

Since then we have learned that the General Council party has relinquished its claims to the church property, leaving Brother McCullough, the pastor, and his adherents, who are a large majority, in peaceful possession.

We learn from the pastor that the prospects of his congregation for the future are good.

F. T. HOOVER,

G. F. EHRENFELD.

This report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE EAST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

Brother Hoover submitted the following :

At the last meeting of the Synod, I was appointed delegate to the East Pennsylvania Synod. Owing to sickness and death in my family, together with other providential causes, I was unable to attend the convention of that body, held September 13, 1871, in Philadelphia. I sent a letter of excuse, however, and a copy of the minutes of our Synod for 1870.

From the account of the above meeting of this sister Synod, published in the church papers, I observe that the members thereof are active in their work, and that the Master's cause is flourishing in their hands. Respectfully submitted,

F. T. HOOVER.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the brethren read their reports on the state of religion, before handing them to the proper committee, and that this be made the first item of business for to-morrow morning, when the roll shall be called, and the brethren read these reports.

On motion it was

Resolved, That hereafter the Secretaries in making up the ministerial roll for the minutes of Synod, place opposite the names of those brethren who are serving no regular charge, a word explanatory of their occupation.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE ALLEGHANY SYNOD.

Brother Stouffer presented the following :

Your delegate reports that, owing to providential circumstances, he was unable to be present with that body. He addressed them a letter of fraternal greeting.

Yours respectfully,

SAMUEL STOUFFER.

The report was received and adopted.

VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

Zeigler's, Grube's, Paradise, and the Kittanning charge were reported vacant.

HOURS OF MEETING AND ADJOURNING.

On motion it was

Resolved, That we meet in the morning at 8½ o'clock for prayer meeting; at 9 o'clock for Synodical business; adjourn at 11½ o'clock. Meet in the afternoon immediately after the adjournment of the Ministerium; and adjourn at 4½ o'clock.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 1.

Brother A. S. Miller offered the following:

Your Committee on Religious Services report the following services:

In the Lutheran church, on Saturday, at 2 o'clock P. M., Preparatory—Rev. D. L. Ryder. Sabbath, at 10½ o'clock A. M., Communion—Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg.

In the Mt. Vernon U. P. church, Sabbath, 10½ o'clock A. M.—Rev. J. Wright.

In the Annisville Presbyterian church, 3 o'clock P. M.—Rev. W. S. Porr.

In the M. E. Church, N. Washington, 3 P. M.—Rev. J. F. Deitterich. Respectfully submitted,

A. S. MILLER

G. B. GOETTMAN.

JACOB DAUBENSPECK.

The Report was received and adopted.

On motion, Synod adjourned. Prayer by Brother Willard.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President, immediately after the Ministerium adjourned.

Rev. J. H. Marshall, of the Presbyterian Church, was admitted to a seat as an advisory member.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE CENTRAL SYNOD.

Brother Dietterich submitted the following:

Your delegate to the Central Synod could not attend the convention of that body, on account of sickness in his family. He did, however, address a letter to the President of that Synod, con-

veying the friendly greetings of this body, and expressing a hope that a delegate would be sent to this convention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. DIETTERICH.

This report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ORPHANS' HOME.

Brother McLaughlin presented the following :

On the 7th of last June, the board held its regular meeting at the Home.

Your trustee made every effort to be present at said meeting. On the night of the 6th he left Pittsburgh between 11 and 12 o'clock, hoping to reach Loysville in time to attend the meeting; but was informed that that train would not stop at Newport. He was compelled to stop at Altoona until 7½ o'clock in the morning, and did not reach Newport until nearly noon. He was unable to procure any conveyance to take him to Loysville, and was constrained to wait and take the stage at 3 P. M. By the time he arrived at the Home the board had adjourned.

Your trustee was anxious to see and learn all he could of the condition of the institution; he therefore accompanied the superintendent, who very kindly took him over the farm, and showed him the work done during the year. In the evening he was with the children at their evening worship, talked to them, and examined them in the Scriptures; and was pleased with their readiness in answering all his questions.

The rooms and beds were in a very satisfactory condition. If we are to be governed by the report of the trustees of last year, there have been great improvements made during the year. The superintendent has evidently been laboring hard on the farm and in the school, as well as in the general management of the institution.

In many respects the Home is in a prosperous condition. The following statement will show the condition of the finances of the Home.

The debt on the land is (not including interest).....	\$1,050 00
The debt on the building is “ “ 	1,380 54
In addition to this there is a debt for the new kitchen, about.....	200 00
For wardrobes.....	60 00

For lumber, horse, cow, wagon, &c.....	395 00
For salary of superintendent.....	700 00

Whole amount.....	<u>\$3,785 54</u>
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To offset this we have—

Amount due from the State.....	\$ 721 68
“ “ “ Estate of J. Britt.....	637 50
“ “ on promises of Sunday-schools.....	3,000 00
“ “ from the State December 1st, 1871.....	2,070 00

Whole amount.....	<u>\$6,429 18</u>
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If all this sum could be collected, there would be a balance in the treasury of \$2,703. But your trustee is informed by the superintendent, that \$3,000 of this will never be paid. There will therefore be a balance of \$297 against the institution, in addition to the expense of the Home to the 1st of December, which will be about \$600. Thus it will be seen that the institution stands upon a good financial basis.

Respectfully submitted,

A. McLAUGHLIN.

The report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE WEST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

Brother Goettman offered the following :

Your delegate to the West Pennsylvania Synod could not attend the last convention of said body at Chambersburg. He, however addressed a letter to the President, presenting the fraternal greetings of this Synod.

J. G. GOETTMAN.

The report was received and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 2.

Brother Stouffer submitted the following report :

Your committee report that they have examined the minutes of the last convention of our Synod, and have found the following items demanding attention :

1st. On page 14, the Treasurer was requested to make an annual statement of the condition of the treasury, at the beginning of each convention of Synod. Has he done so ?

2d. On page 17, vacant congregations were referred to breth-

ren for supplies. Have they been attended to? Has the Missionary President visited the congregation placed in his care?

S. S. STOUFFER,
J. F. DIETTERICH,
H. ASHBAUGH.

The report was received, considered by its items, and adopted. Item first was answered satisfactorily; and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to present hereafter in his annual report only such money as he has received and paid out during the preceding year, with the dates of such items.

Item second was referred to the time when the Missionary President shall present his report.

On motion, the President appointed a committee to report resolutions on temperance.

Revs. S. S. Stouffer, D. L. Ryder, F. T. Hoover, and Messrs. J. H. Townsend and J. H. Smith, compose that committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 3.

Brother Colver offered the following:

Your Committee on Minutes of Sister Synods beg leave to report, that the documents placed in their hands are: The minutes of the Fifth Annual Convention of the Synod of Central Illinois, and of the Forty-sixth Convention of the West Pennsylvania Synod. These documents have been examined, and nothing found therein claiming the attention of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

M. COLVER,
J. WRIGHT,
S. L. OGDEN.

The report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ORPHANS' HOME.

Brother Willard presented the following report:

By a regulation of the Board of Trustees of the Tressler Orphan Home of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church in the United States, the superintendent is required to make an annual report of the state and prospects of the Home, to each of the Synods represented in its board of directors.

In doing so, I state that the past year has been characterized by much to try the faith and perplex the mind; and at the same time

there have also been many things to encourage us, and lead to the anticipation of a brighter future.

We stated in our last annual report that a couple of little girls had returned from spending the vacation with their mothers, with the typhoid fever. This disease, though we took every precaution to prevent its spreading amongst the children, laid hold of one after another, until, between the months of September and the last of December, we had no less than thirty-six cases in the Home. Many of the children were extremely low, and were confined to their beds for eight or nine weeks. We could procure no nurse, as every one was afraid of taking the disease, and consequently the nursing fell upon myself and the female portion of my family, which we were compelled to do in connection with our other regular duties at the Home.

We have great cause for gratitude to the Author of all good that out of 36 cases of typhoid fever, only one proved fatal; which was that of a little boy of eight years, among the church orphans who was scrofulous, and whom the attending physician pronounced incurable as soon as he took the disease.

The fever disappeared about the beginning of January, since which time we have had no sickness worth naming either amongst the children or employees of the Home, except some cases of whooping-cough amongst the smaller children, in the early part of the spring.

The amounts sent in during the past year, for the support of orphans, from the bounds of this Synod, are as follows:

1870—Nov. 24, received from Rev. V. Miller, Pine Run, E. L. S. S.....	\$ 5 00
1871—Jan. 18, received from Bethel Church, Kittanning Charge, pastor Rev. J. B. Miller.....	21 45
“ Jan. 20, received from orphan box of George and Warren McClaren, Kittanning Charge.....	5 00
“ Jan. 31, received from Christ's Church, Kittanning Charge, pastor Rev. J. B. Miller.....	11 15
“ Jan. 31, received from Rev. J. W. Schwartz's Charge, Worthington	20 00
“ “ 31, received from Rev. V. Miller's Fayetteville Charge.....	8 00
“ “ 31, received from Rev. V. Miller.....	2 00
“ July 17, received, per Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg, from Miss Martha Wiley.....	20 00
“ July 26, received from Mr. C. Yeager, Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod.....	45 00
Total.....	<u>\$137 60</u>

Received, in beds and clothing, the following :

1870—Dec. 28, from Rev. J. W. Schwartz's charge, a box containing a nice bed and bedding ; also, cassinets, flannel, gingham, de laines, calico, and other clothing, very valuable.

1871—Jan. 18, from Rev. J. B. Miller's charge, a box containing a bed and bedding, and a variety of articles of clothing, all very valuable to the Home.

Feb. —, per Rev. J. B. Miller, from Emmanuel's Church, Kittingan charge, one bed, and different kinds of clothing, all very advantageous to the Home.

June 7, received, per Rev. A. McLaughlin, from Mrs. E. Horning, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Drumbo—North Zion—a lot of very fine clothing.

July —, received, per Rev. A. McLaughlin, from Mrs. E. Horning, a very fine bed and bedding.

Received, also per Rev. A. McLaughlin, from Mrs. Margaret Horning, a legacy of \$103, from her daughter, to be paid on the land. May the God of the orphan not only bless and prosper the kind donors, but also incline many others in Zion to follow their noble and praiseworthy example.

There is yet a debt of between ten and eleven hundred dollars due on the land, with accumulating interest, which ought, by all means, to be paid and the deed secured. Mr. D. L. Tressler has thus far been very indulgent ; but he now asks that this balance be paid as soon as the Church can conveniently do it ; as he is also in the ministry, and is compelled to pay to the remaining heirs ten per cent., whilst he is receiving from the church only six per cent. on the amount yet due.

This land is already becoming very profitable to the Home ; and, with care and industry, can be made still more so in the future. Its products during the year have, at fair market rates, been worth at least \$1,300 to the Home, a little over half its original cost. The following is a list of the productions of the farm: 100 bushels of wheat, 90 bushels of oats, 240 bushels of corn, 550 bushels of potatoes, 12 bushels of sweet potatoes, 13 bushels of shelled beans, 200 bushels of tomatoes, 100 bushels of mangel wurzel, 40 bushels of turnips, 20 bushels of beets, 15 bushels of onions, 7 bushels of clover seed, 2,200 heads of cabbage, 15 tons of hay, \$50 worth of rhubarb, beside radishes, cucumbers, and other

smaller vegetables in abundance, together with pasture for two horses and three head of cattle. We feel happy to state that we have taken the premium for the best and largest potatoes, at the County Agricultural Fair, both last year and this.

It was two years last June since we took charge of the Home, without any capital in hand whatever. We secured the beds and bedding by donation; but the furniture and stock we were compelled to purchase on credit. These have not only been paid for by the profits of the school, but we have put up a dining-room, 20 by 48, two stories high, built two fine bake-ovens, put up an additional kitchen, 13 by 20 feet, built a corn-crib, pig-pen, chickenry; put up 288 panels of new post-and-rail fence, paled in two large gardens, ditched and culverted the meadow, fenced in a small burial-ground, put 2500 bushels of lime on the land, bought two cows and two horses, besides wagons and other farming utensils, all of which will be paid for by the end of the present year from the profits of the school, without any tax on the church; but during these two years we have given about \$3,700 for the support of the orphans of the church.

Our average during the year, has been 79 soldiers' and 33 church orphans; for the support of whom we have received during that period from all sources, in cash, bedding, and clothing of various kinds, about \$1,400, leaving us to furnish the deficit, which at a fair calculation will amount to about \$1,900, from the profits of the Home or school. During the year 1869-70, we supported 27 church orphans, and received a little over \$700 from the church for their support, leaving the Home to make up the deficiency, about \$1,800, from the profits of the school.

During the present year, thus far, we have 72 soldiers' and 34 church orphans. We have now almost weekly applications to receive more orphans into the Home; but these the board have thus far been compelled to refuse—not because we have no room, but because the church has thus far not furnished the means for their support.

It is painful, indeed, to turn a deaf ear to the petition of so many of these poor, little, destitute ones who are knocking at our doors, upon grounds like these, when the God of the orphan, through them, makes such an earnest appeal. And yet our salvation at the present time demands that we should free ourselves

from all embarrassment as fast as we can, and make all the necessary improvements before the soldiers' orphans shall be taken from their homes.

A barn, and ice-house, and bath-house, are indispensable to the economy and comfort of the Home. If the church will support its orphans, we will obligate ourselves to put up all the necessary improvements, and pay the remaining debt on the land, without any additional tax on the church.

The ages of the church orphans vary from 6 to 15 years; eight of these orphans have made a profession of their faith in Christ, and united with the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Loysville, by the solemn rite of confirmation; three of the larger boys will be put to trades as soon as suitable places can be obtained.

We have preaching every Sabbath morning in one of the churches of the village, about three hundred yards distant. Whenever the weather is suitable, the orphans, with the superintendent and teachers, attend divine service there. When the weather is not suitable, there is preaching in the school-room, by the superintendent. At 1 o'clock we have Sunday-school and Bible class in the school-room; at 4 o'clock, we have catechetical instructions, for the especial benefit of the church orphans; at candle-light, prayer meeting, together with reading and expounding the Word of God, which all the children attend.

In your printed minutes of last year we perceive a statement by Rev. Mr. Barnitz and Mr. Heckert, to the effect, that the superintendent of the Home and the superintendent of the soldiers' orphans differed in the selection of a teacher by the former, who was not approved by the latter. A resolution was passed by this body relative to this matter. As there was no ground for this report, and the whole matter was a misapprehension on the part of your trustees, justice to Col. McFarland, as well as to myself, demands that this resolution be rescinded, or some resolution passed at the present convention of this body, declaring it to have been based upon a misapprehension of the subject.

Praying that the God of the orphan may awaken such an interest in this cause that funds may soon come in to such an extent that we can extend our arms for the embrace of every poor fatherless destitute one whom He may in the order of His providence send to knock at our doors,

I am yours in the bonds of the Gospel,

P. WILLARD, Supt.

This report was received and ordered to be made the second order of business for to-morrow morning.

On motion, Synod adjourned. Prayer by Brother Hoover.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Synod convened, and was called to order. Prayer by Rev. Crebs.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

Brother G. L. Hetrick was received as the delegate of the Kellersburg charge.

The President appointed a committee on a pamphlet entitled "The Report of the Mission in India." Revs. J. G. Goettman and W. E. Crebs, and Mr. G. L. Hetrick, constitute that committee.

Revs. J. R. Dimm, of the East Penn'a Synod, J. H. Brown, of the Synod of Central Pennsylvania, and Rev. W. A. Black, of the United Presbyterian Church, were admitted to seats as advisory members.

On motion, it was resolved that the order of business for this morning be suspended, to give Rev. J. R. Dimm, Corresponding Secretary of the Lutheran Board of Publication, an opportunity to present the cause of the society to Synod.

On motion, the President appointed a committee to prepare resolutions relating to the subjects referred to by Brother Dimm. The committee consists of Revs. S. B. Barnitz, J. G. Goettman and J. H. W. Stuckenberg, and Messrs. H. Barr and J. H. Townsend.

The order of business being the reading of the reports on the state of religion, the roll was called, and the brethren read their reports, which were then referred to the appropriate committee.

The next item of business being the consideration of the report of the superintendent of the Orphans' Home, it was taken up, considered by its items and adopted, and the substance of it was ordered to be published in our minutes.

On the item referring to last year's report of our trustees it was *Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to report suitable action on the subject.

The President appointed on that committee Revs. S. B. Barnitz, A. McLaughlin and J. G. Goettman, and Messrs. J. Starr and J. Daubenspeck.

On motion it was

Resolved, That a standing committee be appointed, to be named the Orphans' Home Committee. It shall be the duty of said committee to devise and introduce the use of means to develop this object of benevolence in our Sunday-schools.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 4.

Brother Ryder presented the following:

Your Committee on the Protocol, having examined the book given into their hands, are glad to report that they find the same in good condition; the records of the Synod having been neatly and correctly made. They recommend that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for \$10, to be paid the Secretary for his labor.

Respectfully submitted,

D. L. RYDER,

J. W. REESE,

J. H. WEYGANDT.

The report was received and adopted:

The President appointed Revs. D. L. Ryder, and J. G. Goettman, and Mr. J. Seibert, the Orphans' Home Committee.

By invitation of the President, Rev. J. H. Brown spoke a few words of friendly greeting; after which Synod adjourned. Prayer by Brother Brown.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 4 O'CLOCK P. M.

Synod convened immediately after the adjournment of the Ministerium. The reading of the minutes of the last session was, on motion, omitted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 18.

Brother Barnitz submitted the following:

WHEREAS, A letter from Col. McFarland endorses the teachers appointed by Rev. P. Willard, Superintendent of the Tressler Orphans' Home ; and this, with the statements of Brother Willard, indicates that the Trustees of last year were left under a wrong impression, concerning the relations between our superintendent and the State superintendent ; your committee, therefore, recommend that the pastors belonging to our Synod correct the wrong impressions that may have been made by this item in the last report.

S. B. BARNITZ,

J. G. GOETTMAN.

Brother Stuckenberg read the report of the Committee on Statistics. Synod then adjourned. Prayer by Brother Stuckenberg.

SEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Synod was called to order by the President. Prayer by J. W. Schwartz. The roll was called, and the minutes were read and approved. The following brethren were chosen

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING SYNODS.

To East Pennsylvania Synod : REV. W. S. PORR.

“ West “ “ F. T. HOOVER.

“ Central “ “ I. J. DELO.

“ Alleghany “ “ J. W. SCHWARTZ.

“ East Ohio “ “ D. L. RYDER.

On motion, it was resolved that we send a delegate to the Wittenberg Synod, with the view of opening correspondence with that body.

Rev. J. B. Miller was chosen the delegate.

SPEAKERS FOR NEXT CONVENTION.

The following brethren were appointed :

On Ordination : REV. J. G. GOETTMAN.

“ Home Missions “ A. McLAUGHLIN.

“ Foreign “ “ D. L. RYDER.

“ Education “ J. W. SCHWARTZ.

TIME AND PLACE FOR NEXT CONVENTION.

Worthington, Fayetteville, Brookville and Wheeling, were nominated as candidates for the place of our next meeting.

On second ballot, Wheeling was chosen as the place; Thursday, October 10th, 1872, at 9 o'clock, A. M., was selected as the time for the next convention.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

Brother Stuckenberg submitted the following:

The accompanying table gives the statistics of the membership of the different charges; the total amount contributed by the charges for Synodical Treasury, Education, and Home and Foreign Missions; and also the proportion per member in the various charges, for these four objects. Besides these amounts, contributions have also been made for Widows' and Pastors' Fund, Orphans' Home, Lutheran Publication Society, Church Extension and other objects, which are given in the reports on membership and contributions, and also in the Treasurer's report.

<i>Charges.</i>	<i>Pastors.</i>	<i>Membership.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>	<i>Per Capita</i>
Licking.....	Rev. J. W. Reese.....	119	\$ 29 30	24 3-5 cts.
Apollo.....	" M. Colver.....	280	72 50	26 "
Maysville.....	" A. W. McCullough. ...	64	18 00	28 "
West Sunbury.....	" S. S. Stonffer.....	161	59 00	36 1-2 "
Kellersburg.....	" W. E. Crebs.	105	41 73	40 "
North Washington.....	" A. S. Miller.....	225	103 28	46 "
Leechburg.....	" F. T. Hoover.....	246	119 00	48 "
Worthington.....	" J. W. Schwartz.	169	89 50	53 "
Brookville Mission.....	" I. J. Delo.....	174	99 64	57 "
Plum Creek.....	" J. Wright.	322	201 04	62 "
Wheeling Mission.....	" S. B. Barnitz.....	110	72 50	65 1-2 "
Fryburg.....	" W. S. Porr.....	136	95 00	70 "
Salem.....	" J. F. Dietterich	388	300 81	77 1-2 "
Fayetteville.....	" J. B. Miller.	214	192 08	90 "
Monongahela City Mission	" D. L. Ryder.	74	71 71	97 "
Alleghany City.....	" J. G. Goettman.	239	265 00	1 12 "
Messiah, Pittsburgh.....	" J. H. W. Stuckenberg.	135	293 28	2 17 "
North Zion.....	" A. McLaughlin.....	64	451 18	7 00 "
Freeport.....	" J. B. Crist.....	101		
Kittanning.....		277	7 00	
	" T. Atkinson.		6 00	
	Mr. G. Kribbs.		25 00	
Total.		3603	\$2612 55	72 1-2

The increase of membership in the Synod, over last year, is 122; whereas the report last year showed an increase of 218, and the year before the increase was 353. For the four objects mentioned above, last year's minutes show that \$1,738.32 were contributed; but according to the parochial reports this year, \$2,612.55 were contributed. Last year's statistics show a contribution of 52.3 cts. per member, for the above four objects; two years ago

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43 cts. per member were contributed; this year 71.8 cts. per member, showing a very encouraging increase.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. W. STUCKENBERG,

J. W. SCHWARTZ.

The report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Brother Stuckenberg presented the following:

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, last June, Rev. C. A. Stork was elected Graff Professor. A strong pressure was brought to bear on him to induce him to accept the position, which he also did; but afterward withdrew his acceptance. Another meeting of the board was to have been held to make arrangements for the teaching of branches in which the newly elected professor was expected to give instruction; such a meeting has not yet been held, but will probably be held soon.

Some 25 students were present at the Seminary last year, and more than that number were expected this year.

The library is much in need of books, especially modern works. As soon as possible the library should be replenished.

The undersigned were the only directors of this Synod present at the meeting of the board. Their traveling expenses were \$19 for each director.

J. H. W. STUCKENBERG,

J. G. GOETTMAN.

This report was received and adopted, and an order directed to be drawn on the Treasurer for the above amounts.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Brother Stuckenberg submitted the following:

Instead of the dissensions prophesied by its enemies, the late convention of the General Synod was remarkable for its harmony. Some of the questions discussed excited much interest; but they were considered in a fraternal spirit, and were amicably settled.

Two editions of the new Book of Worship are published; one with the Order of Worship, Family Prayers, the Catechism, and the Augsburg Confession; the other without these.

It was evident that there was no disposition to force any order of services on any church, not even for the sake of uniformity, which many were anxious to secure.

There was much discussion on systematic benevolence, and there are many evidences that henceforth the various benevolent operations of the church will be better sustained than heretofore.

The General Synod recommends to all churches the adoption of the box, or Lord's Treasury, system.

Pledges were made by different delegations, on behalf of their Synods, to pay the debt of the "Kirchenfreund," amounting to nearly \$900. This Synod was pledged for \$50.

We regret that there were only two clerical and two lay delegates present from this Synod; whereas, three had been elected, with alternates.

The next convention will be held in Canton, Ohio, beginning June 11, 1873.

J. H. W. STUCKENBERG,
S. B. BARNITZ,
G. W. STONER.

This report was received and adopted, and on motion, the Secretary was directed to draw an order on the Treasurer for the amount pledged above to the "Kirchenfreund."

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a Committee on Systematic Benevolence be appointed to introduce the Lord's Treasury System in all of our congregations.

The President appointed Revs. J. G. Goettman and A. McLaughlin, to constitute that committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 7.

Brother Ehrenfeld, presented the following:

The Committee on Absentees respectfully report that they have two letters: one from Brother V. Miller, and the other from Brother Hall.

Brother Miller says: "It is with painful regret I am under the necessity of asking to be excused." Impaired health, and want of funds are the prominent reasons. He has no charge. He does not know where he may locate; and desires to retain his connection with this Synod. Further, he says: "I trust I shall be able to take charge in the spring."

Your committee sympathize deeply with Brother Miller in his continued want of health, pray that the great Head of the Church may soon restore him to health, and move that he be excused.

Brother Hall, in his letter, states that he was away from his work "all of the last month," and "has just got things in running order again." He feels that it would be injurious to the cause just now to be absent again. Another part pertains to the renewal of his license, which the committee refer to the Ministerium.

Your committee think that Brother Hall should have come to Synod, if it had only been to be present over the Lord's day. Taking all things into consideration, however, we move that he be excused.

We have also an account of Brother Atkinson, given by Brother McLaughlin. Brother Atkinson, is in the State of New York; has been a long time sick and kept from his work, and feels that he could not now neglect his work for the orphans. He sends \$10 and asks to be excused, which your committee cordially recommend.

Brothers Barnitz, Goettman, Stuckenberg, and Schwartz presented the excuses of the delegates from their charges. Your committee move that they be excused.

Respectfully submitted,

G. F. EHRENFELD,
J. B. MILLER,
J. H. SMITH.

The report was received, amended, and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 6.

Brother Barnitz offered the following:

Your Committee on Conferences respectfully report:

The Northern Conference has held two meetings: one the last of November, the other the latter part of June, with full attendance.

The reports of the brethren were quite encouraging. The question, "By what means can we best promote the spiritual interests of the church?" was discussed; and the work of the charges found progressive.

The Middle Conference has held but one meeting. This was at Apollo, in the month of January, with all the members present, but Rev. V. Miller, who was sick.

The business was all of a local character.

A second meeting was appointed for the Fayetteville charge; but not a single member appeared.

The Southern Conference held a most interesting meeting at Mt. Zion church, in Washington county, Pa., April 2d, 1871.

The questions: "How can the great need of laborers in the Sabbath-school be supplied?" and "What is the best programme for conducting the Sabbath-school?" were discussed, and a concert lesson given by Bro. McLaughlin.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. BARNITZ,

SAMUEL S. STOUFFER,

J. N. STARR.

The report was received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS ON TRESSLER ORPHANS' HOME.

The following resolutions referring to the Tressler Orphans' Home, were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we hear with pleasure of the improvement in the grounds and buildings of the Tressler Orphans' Home, and of the large amount of produce the farm has yielded; but, in the estimation of this Synod, the superintendent is called upon to do too much *manual* labor, thus being deprived of the time necessary to do full justice to correspondents, accounts, &c.

Resolved, That our trustees be instructed to present this labor subject at the next meeting of the board.

Resolved, That according to the statements of the superintendent, and our own clerical representative, this Synod is of the opinion that the board of trustees does not give sufficient attention to the institution, the meetings lasting only a few hours, or a half-a-day; thus making it impossible to make proper examination of all the departments and workings of the Home.

Resolved, That some provision should be made by the superintendent or directors to issue transportation for trustees attending annual meetings, from Newport to Loysville—15 miles; as it is asking too much of brethren to travel from 100 to 300 miles, and then search the town of Newport for conveyances to the Home.

Resolved, That, whenever good homes in private Christian families can be secured for children—these families adopting them—such children should be placed in such families, and the church be saved the expense of supporting them.

Resolved, That the bill of Brother McLaughlin, of \$13 for traveling expenses to the Home, be paid.

Synod adjourned.

Prayer by Brother McCullough.

EIGHTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 2½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod was called to order immediately after the adjournment of the Ministerium.

The minutes were read and approved.

The President announced the following as the Examining Committee :

1st. On Personal Piety and Motives for Seeking the Ministry, and Evidences of Christianity—Revs. A. McLaughlin, and G. F. Ehrenfeld.

2d. On Greek and Hebrew Scriptures and Exegesis—Revs. J. H. W. Stuckenberg and J. G. Goettman.

3d. On Natural and Revealed Theology—Revs. F. T. Hoover and J. F. Dietterich.

4th. On Church History and Government—Revs. M. Colver and W. E. Crebs.

5th. On Pastoral Theology and Homiletics—Revs. S. B. Barnitz and W. S. Porr.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to secure some place to be permanently used as the archives of the Synod, and to make such arrangements as will enable us to preserve the pamphlets and other documents which we may gather from year to year.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 14.

Brother Hoover submitted the following :

Your committee, to which was referred the item in the President's Report relating to Rev. H. Gathers, respectfully report as follows :

The principal points claiming the attention of Synod are these: Under date of February 21, 1871, Rev. H. Gathers addressed a letter to the President of the Synod, requesting him

to give him a certificate of honorable dismissal from this Synod, to unite with the Evangelical Association. In this communication, the brother, among other things, states his desire to preach the Gospel. He writes: "My heart and my conscience will not permit me to engage in anything else. My soul is in the work. 'Woe unto me, if I preach not the Gospel,' (1 Cor. ix. 16.)" He further states that he had no other reason for taking this step than the want of a field of labor in the Lutheran Church.

The President replied that he had not the authority to comply with the request, and must refer the application to the Synod. As a private individual, however, he gave him a certificate, in which he testified to his good standing as a minister in the Lutheran Church.

Your committee recommend the following action:

WHEREAS, Rev. H. Gathers has been a member of this Synod, in good and regular standing; and

WHEREAS, He has been without a charge, and has now been called to preach Christ, and Him crucified, in another Christian denomination; therefore,

Resolved, That he be honorably dismissed from this Synod; and that we bid him God-speed in his new field of labor.

F. T. HOOVER,
J. G. GOETTMAN,
J. A. SMITH.

This report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 10.

Brother Porr presented the following:

From the reports on the state of religion, as well as from the parochial reports, we have evident cause as a Synod for cordial gratitude to the Giver of all good.

The membership of our churches is steadily on the increase, and we notice also a gradual growth in piety among our people. With each returning Synodical convention the aggregate of our benevolent contributions is augmented. If our limits would permit, a contrast between the present and former year would exhibit some highly gratifying results; proving that as a Synod we have not retrograded, but have advanced; and yet we would not close our eyes to the fact that none of us, perhaps, has come up to the full measure of either our capacity or our responsibility. If we

have done *well*, let us, nevertheless, endeavor to do *better*. Much land remains yet to be possessed. Instead of resting content with what we have done, let us strive by God's blessing to do still more, and exert a yet wider and more comprehensive influence for good. We are still to advance, and not stand still. The stone cut without hands from the mountain is not to remain a stone, but itself to become a mountain. Even if, as a Synod, we have in part apprehended, let us not esteem ourselves perfect, but forgetting the things that are behind, and reaching forth to those which are before, let us press toward the mark for the prize of our high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let our pathway as a Synod and people be as the shining light, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Giving all diligence, let us add to our faith virtue; to our virtue, knowledge; to our knowledge, temperance; to our temperance, patience; to our patience, godliness; to our godliness, brotherly kindness; and to our brotherly kindness, charity. For if these things be in us, and abound, they make us that we shall be neither barren nor unfruitful in still further advancing the kingdom and cause of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. PORR,
F. T. HOOVER,
J. F. DIETTERICH,
HUGH BARR,
JOHN JOHNSTON.

This report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 16.

Brother Goettman reported the following:

Your committee has examined the report of the "American Evangelical Lutheran Mission in India," containing also a brief history of the mission. There is much in this unpretending document worthy of our serious attention. The reports of the different mission stations, are interesting and full of encouragement. The fields, more than ever before, perhaps, seem ripe for the harvest. Hundreds are moved by the Gospel; and from all quarters our missionary hears the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us."

Your committee can, however, only present a few items, taken from the statistical summary of the mission at the close of 1870.

Rev. E. Unangst is the only ordained minister in this vast field. He is assisted by one evangelist, two catechists, and four colporteurs. There are 30 schools, 29 teachers, 443 pupils, 49 prayer-meetings, 23 houses for school or chapel purposes, and 850 inquirers. The members connected with the mission, at the close of 1870, numbered 1,345. During the same year, 356 adults and 292 children were baptized.

These, and other statements in this report, are the best evidence that our mission work in India has been most encouragingly prosecuted, and that our contributions are not expended in vain.

Your committee recommend the following :

Resolved, 1st. That we acknowledge with sorrow our apparent want of interest, in the work of Foreign Missions.

2d. That it is the solemn duty of every pastor in our Synod to bring the cause of Foreign Missions at least once a year, before his people.

3d. That in the devotional meetings of our churches, Foreign missions, be made a subject of special prayer as often as possible.

4th. That a standing Committee on Foreign Missions be appointed.

J. G. GOETTMAN,
W. E. CREBS.

This report was received, considered by its items, and adopted.

The President appointed Revs. F. T. Hoover and G. F. Ehrenfeld to constitute that committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO 17.

Brother Barnitz made the following report :

The Committee on the Publication Society submit the following report: In view of the great importance of furnishing the church with a suitable literature,

Resolved, That we heartily approve the plan suggested by Rev. J. R. Dimm, Corresponding Secretary, of raising \$100,000; and we promise to raise at the rate of \$1 per member for our Synod within at least five years.

Resolved, That the pastors of the different charges raise, during the present year, not less than twenty cents per member for this object.

Resolved, That pastors and Sabbath-schools needing books or Sabbath-school requisites, encourage the Publication Society: as every book purchased adds to its business capital.

Resolved, That the Committee on Systematic Benevolence have the pushing of this matter.

S. B. BARNITZ,
J. G. GOETTMAN,
J. H. W. STUCKENBERG.

This report was received, considered by its items, and adopted.
On motion is was

Resolved, That in our opinion, the *Sunday-School Herald* should be published twice a month.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE, NO 8.

Brother McLaughlin offered the following report :

The vacant congregations and charges reported to Synod are the following : Zeigler's, Grubb's, Paradise, and the Kittanning charge.

The three first named are referred to the Northern Conference, and the Kittanning charge, to the Middle Conference.

The committee recommends that the vacant charges should be reminded that it is their duty to remunerate those brethren who supply them.

Submitted,

A. McLAUGHLIN,
J. G. GOETTMAN.

This report was received, amended, and adopted.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That Synod adjourn fifteen minutes earlier than the hour of adjournment, and visit the grave of our departed brother, J. A. Delo.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Secretary have 800 copies of the minutes printed, and that the work be done at the Publication House.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 15.

Brother Stouffer presented the following report :

Your Committee on Temperance Resolutions recommend the following :

Resolved, That we heartily approve the resolutions passed at the last meeting of the General Synod, appropriate them as our own, and publish them in our minutes.

SAMUEL S. STOFFER,
D. L. RYDER,
F. T. HOOVER,
J. H. TOWNSEND.

The report was received and referred to this evening's session. The following are the resolutions:

Resolved, That we regard temperance, in the broadest and most elevated sense of the word, as against all indulgences injurious to health, prejudicial to refinement of manners or corruptive of morals, as a cardinal Christian virtue, and that as such it can neither be neglected in public ministrations, nor ignored in personal habits.

Resolved, That while we sorrowfully acknowledge the depressing and discouraging reactions to which the temperance reform has been subjected, we rejoice to declare as our settled convictions, that in its progress, aside from indiscretions and extravagances incident to all such movements, it has adopted no principles which are untruthful, and taken no positions which we feel at liberty to abandon.

Resolved, That while we are more than ever convinced of the necessity of thoroughly educating the public mind upon the elementary truths of temperance, by making free and proper use of the platform, the press and the pulpit, and of depending largely upon the intelligence and convictions of the people as a means of carrying forward this great reform, we are at the same time fully satisfied that judicious legislation is indispensable to complete success; and that we hold ourselves in readiness, as far as our ecclesiastical and professional obligations will permit, to co-operate with the friends of the cause in securing and enforcing such laws as will effectually suppress the evils of intemperance among us.

On motion Synod adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock this evening. Prayer by Brother Stuckenberg.

Immediately after adjournment, Synod proceeded in a body to the grave of Brother Delo, in the Lutheran grave-yard, where brief and appropriate addresses were delivered by Brothers Stuckenberg and Ehrenfeld, and a hymn was sung, and a prayer offered by Brother Stuckenberg.

NINTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod convened, and was opened with singing the 499th hymn, and prayer, led by Brother Barnitz.

The minutes were read and approved.

The President appointed Revs. F. T. Hoover and J. W. Schwartz a committee to install Rev. S. S. Stouffer in his charge.

On motion, the following was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The use of tobacco is not only a very injurious and filthy, but also a very expensive practice; therefore,

Resolved, That the Education Committee be instructed to prohibit its use by our future beneficiary students; and to admonish such now on our funds as are addicted to this habit to reform.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That we recommend to those who read German in our congregations, the "Lutherische Kirchenfreund" and that we use our influence in extending its circulation.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was now taken up, discussed, and unanimously adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That these resolutions on temperance be published in the county papers.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the President return our sincere thanks to the members of this church, and others, who have so kindly entertained us, for their hospitality and Christian fellowship, which have aided so materially in making this convention so interesting and profitable.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 7.

Brother Ehrenfeld presented the report of the Committee on Leave of Absence, which was received and adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the charges be requested to pay the expenses of their pastors and delegates in coming to and going from Synod.

On motion, after reading the minutes of the evening session, singing the 753d hymn, and prayer, led by the President, the Synod adjourned *sine die*.

HOME MISSION BUSINESS.

SATURDAY, P. M.

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Brother McLaughlin offered the following :

Your Missionary President records, with thankfulness to God, that his feeble efforts for the cause of Christ, have not been altogether in vain.

My duties to my own congregation, have been such, during the past year, that I could not give as much of my time as it required to visit all the places which were referred to me at our last meeting. Soon after I returned home from Synod, last year, I wrote to Brother Officer, asking him whether he could do anything for Oil City, in case I should visit it, and get the people interested in an organization. He informed me that he could not ; that in the opinion of the Home Mission Board, there were other points of more importance. I thought, therefore, that there was no use in spending my time and money in going there ; although, through Brother Yeager, I had secured a pass to that place and return.

I might say the same of Lawrenceburg and vicinity. There are so many points to be cared for and looked after, that no man who has charge of a congregation, can attend to the work.

Some time last fall, I learned that the Licking charge was vacant, and the people were anxious to have me visit them. I made arrangements to do so in the latter part of January.

After considerable correspondence, I succeeded, during the year, with the help of Brother Crebs (who returned to the charge in the spring), in dividing the whole field, including Kellersburg and other points, into two promising charges, viz.: the Licking charge, composed of Mt. Zion, St. John's (or Licking), and Mt. Calvary ; and the Kellersburg charge, comprising Kellersburg, Salem and Squirrel Hill.

Brother Crebs took charge of the latter ; and Brother Reese, a few weeks ago, accepted a call to the former.

Brother Stouffer took charge of the West Sunbury pastorate.

Brother Crebs supplies Eddyville.

I also state that I did all in my power, by correspondence and

visiting, to raise the promised \$5,000. We will learn soon whether my effort has brought forth the desired result. I put the \$25, which Brother Geo. Kribbs sent to Synod last year for benevolence, together with \$10 which I received from Brother Atkinson, into the bank, hoping that by planting this seed, it might grow and become a great tree.

We are thankful also that we can report the continued progress of the missions within the bounds of this Synod. The appropriations asked for have been generously granted by the General Synod Board of Home Missions. The board has been very generous, indeed, in granting us the money, as we have not been able to pay them the amount we draw from them. We trust that this year we will be able to sustain at least the missions in our midst.

THE BROOKVILLE MISSION—REV. I. J. DELO, MISSIONARY.

Whilst our missionary in this field has had a year of trials, and, we might say, of sore persecution, yet he has, under God, accomplished a good work. He reports as follows: During the year, I received, in the three congregations, 26 persons into the church, viz.: by baptism, 5; by confirmation, 13; by letter, 8. I have baptized 14 children, and buried 5 children and 2 adults. I have preached regularly twice a day at the different appointments of the mission, and occasionally supplied two destitute points with the Word, mostly on week-day evenings.

I have, beside this, held a series of meetings of some days' continuance in two of the churches.

The Sabbath-school in Brookville I superintend myself almost entirely, and very seriously feel the want of an earnest, competent man for the post. Beside this, I conduct a Bible class once a week, on prayer meeting evenings, at which we study the lesson for the Sabbath-school. I also give some time to teaching the children of our school how to sing God's praise, esteeming it of the highest importance that we should have the best of singing in the Sabbath-school as well as in the church.

The attendance on the stated means of grace is very encouraging at the St. John's church. Our members there are prompt, and at least appear to "worship in spirit and in truth."

At Brookville there is not the same encouragement. Some of the few members we have there do not manifest any interest in the services of the sanctuary, being seldom present. Our Sabbath-

school is interesting ; and during the spring and summer we made an effort to supply the school with a cabinet organ, in which we were successful beyond our most sanguine expectations. And our special thanks are due to Mrs. Virginia Blood, for generously furnishing us an instrument costing \$260 for \$200.

At Emrichville we have succeeded in securing the newly erected house of worship for the cause of truth. It was consecrated with appropriate services on the second day of July.

We still have hope that, at some future day, an active, earnest, influential congregation will be established here.

I have had catechetical classes most of the year at St: John's and Emrichville, attended with varied interest.

The mission will need the same appropriation as last year.

THE MONONGAHELA CITY MISSION—REV. D. L. RYDER, MISSIONARY.

This mission is composed of two congregations, viz.: Monongahela City and Mt. Zion, in Washington county.

The missionary says: We still have difficulties, and our advancement is slow, but sure. Our little band are more encouraged than ever, and also more determined to press forward in the work of the Master. There is a better state of things, internally as well as externally, in our mission, than there was one year ago. The people are more benevolent than formerly. Our membership is larger than when our last report was made.

As a mission, we are very little, if any, stronger, financially, than we were a year ago, and will need the same appropriation as last year.

THE WHEELING MISSION—REV. S. B. BARNITZ, MISSIONARY.

Brother B. writes: It is with unfeigned thankfulness that I report the continued prosperity and success of the mission at Wheeling, and though we have had many days of darkness, and nights of anxiety during the past Synodical year, with visitations of bereavement, and months of sickness ; yet God has brought us safely through, and set His seal upon the work. We entered the Sabbath-school department of

OUR NEW CHAPEL,

on the 30th of October, 1870, and there celebrated the Festival of the Reformation. It was a day of great joy to our little folks and its many friends.

On the 18th of December we entered the upper room, and consecrated the house to the service of the Lord of Hosts. The building is now entirely completed, and has cost nearly \$3,000 more than last year's estimate of \$12,000. On this we have an interest-bearing debt of \$5,000, and a floating debt of \$2,000. Our vacant ground continues to increase in value, and recent developments are such as to lead us to believe that it will double its present value ere many years. It is our purpose to lease the vacant lot for a number of years, as we hope thereby to secure a sufficient sum to meet at least two-thirds of the interest on our bonds. We have had during the year,

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to full membership, and twenty-seven infant baptisms.

OUR LOSSES,

however, have been large, and though we grow substantially, the constant drain upon us by removal is a serious drawback to any great increase in numbers.

All things considered, the year which has just closed has been the most prosperous in the history of the mission. To God be all the glory.

On account of our heavy debt, we are obliged to ask an appropriation of \$400.

S. B. BARNITZ, Missionary.

May the great Head of the Church bless these dear brethren and greatly prosper their labors, is the earnest prayer of your brother in Christ.

A. McLAUGHLIN, Miss. Prest.

This report was received and adopted.

The Chairman appointed the following brethren to constitute the Advisory Board of Home Missions:

Southern Conference:	REV. A. McLAUGHLIN.
Middle “	“ M. COLVER.
Northern “	“ W. S. PORR.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF HOME
MISSIONS.

Brother McLaughlin presented the following:

The Advisory Committee recommends the following:

1st. That the Wheeling Mission be continued, with Rev. S. B.

Barnitz, as missionary; and that \$400 be appropriated for the present year.

2d. That the Brookville Mission be continued, with Rev. I. J. Delo, as missionary; and that \$250 be appropriated for the current year.

3d. That the Monongahela City Mission be continued, with Rev. D. L. Ryder as missionary; and that \$300 be appropriated for this year.

Your committee recommend that these missions be earnestly urged to make every effort to become self-sustaining at as early a period as possible.

Submitted,

A. McLAUGHLIN,
M. COLVER,
WM. S. PORR.

This report was received, considered by its items, and adopted.

EDUCATION BUSINESS.

MONDAY MORNING.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Brother Stuckenberg, offered the following:

Of the three young men for whom appropriations were made a year ago, two are now in the ministry, viz.; Brothers Heilman and Hershiser. As the treasury was empty before the amounts appropriated were all paid, there was danger of embarrassment. But Brother Heilman did not receive the full amount appropriated. Near the close of his last year in the Seminary, he applied for more money; but as, without consulting the Education Committee, he had applied to the President of Synod for dismissal to another Synod, and had actually been dismissed already when he applied for the money, the committee did not feel justified in complying with his request.

Last summer the three young men at Gettysburg, from Wheel-

ing, were in need of funds. As there was no money in the treasury, the Messiah Lutheran Church, of Pittsburgh, sent them \$75. Brother Knapp being in need of more money, afterward, the chairman of the Education Committee drew an order on the Treasurer for \$15, which sum was advanced by the Treasurer, and paid to Brother Knapp.

Recently Prof. Dr. Hay, of Gettysburg, wrote that Brother Barnitz had informed him that our Synod would provide for two of the young men at Gettysburg, from Wheeling. On the strength of this, Dr. Hay had advanced them \$80, and asked the Education Committee for that sum.

As the committee knew nothing at all about this arrangement until Dr. Hay wrote to them, they did not feel at liberty to take any action in the matter.

The chairman of the committee has been in correspondence with a young man who is desirous of entering the ministry. It is Mr. J. W. Kapp, from Brother Porr's charge, who is now at Wittenberg College. Before spring he will need no aid from Synod.

Brother I. N. Thomas will need \$175 for this year; and the committee recommend that this amount be appropriated.

They also recommend that the case of Brother J. W. Kapp be left to the Education Committee.

They recommend that Brothers Ferdinand Beschau and John Zimmer, from Wheeling, who are now at Gettysburg, be received on the funds of Synod, and that \$200 be appropriated to each during the current year.

With pleasure your committee learn that Brother F. G. Knapp, of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, is provided for by the Lutheran Church in Alleghany City.

J. H. W. STUCKENBERG,
A. McLAUGHLIN.

This report was received, considered by its items, and adopted. The chairman announced the Education Committee:

Revs. J. H. W. Stuckenberg, A. McLaughlin and J. G. Goettman.

The foregoing is a true account of the proceedings of the twenty-ninth Convention of the Pittsburgh Synod.

J. W. SCHWARTZ, *Secretary*.

MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Ministerium was called to order by the President.

Prayer by Brother J. B. Miller.

The President appointed Revs. F. T. Hoover, W. S. Porr and A. S. Miller, a committee on the documents of Rev. D. L. Ryder.

The Chairman appointed Rev. J. G. Goettman on the Examining Committee, in place of Rev. I. J. Delo.

On motion, the Ministerium adjourned.

Prayer by Brother Wright.

SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 3½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Ministerium was called to order by the President, immediately after the close of the Preparatory services.

Prayer by Brother Hoover.

The minutes were read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 1.

Brother Hoover, presented the following:

Your committee, into whose hands were given two sermons, a sketch of a sermon, and the ministerial journal, of Brother D. L. Ryder, respectfully reports:

1st. That the sermons are correct in their homiletical arrangement, clear in exposition, evangelical in character, and hence, calculated to answer the great end of preaching, viz.: the conversion of sinners to God.

2d. That the sketch of a sermon is not quite as carefully prepared as it might have been; but is, nevertheless, satisfactory. And

3d. That the journal of the ministerial acts of this brother manifests a large degree of activity in the pulpit, and the other departments of his sacred office.

As he has been two years a licentiate, Brother Ryder is recommended to the Examining Committee, with the view of ordaining him.

F. T. HOOVER,
WM. S. PORR,
A. S. MILLER.

This report was received and adopted.

The chairman appointed Revs. J. G. Goettman, S. B. Barnitz and W. E. Crebs a committee on the letter of Brother H. H. Hall.

On motion the papers of Brother McCullough were referred to the Examining Committee.

On motion the Ministerium adjourned until after services this evening. Prayer by Brother Goettman.

THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY, 8½ O'CLOCK P. M.

The Ministerium was called to order by the President. Prayer by Brother Ehrenfeld.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Brother McLaughlin made the following report:

Your committee has examined Revs. D. L. Ryder and A. Mc-

Cullough, licentiates of this Synod, and recommend them to the Ministerium for ordination.

A. McLAUGHLIN,
J. H. W. STUCKENBERG,
J. F. DIETTERICH,
S. B. BARNITZ,
F. T. HOOVER,
J. G. GOETTMAN.

This report was received and adopted.

On motion the Ministerium adjourned. Prayer by Brother Barnitz.

FOURTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Ministerium was called to order by the President. Prayer by Rev. W. A. Black, of the United Presbyterian Church.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 2.

Brother Goettman reported the following:

Your committee recommend that the President be authorized to continue the license of Rev. H. H. Hall, and to express to him the regret of the Ministerium at his absence.

J. G. GOETTMAN.

The report was received and adopted.

On motion the Ministerium adjourned. Prayer by Brother

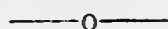
This is a correct account of the proceedings of the Ministerium.

J. W. SCHWARTZ, *Secretary*.

Standing Committees, Delegates, &c.



I.—COMMITTEES.



NO. 1.—EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

1st. On personal piety, and motives for seeking the ministry' and Evidences of Christianity: Revs. A. McLaughlin and G. F. Ehrenfeld.

2d. On Greek and Hebrew Scriptures, on Exegesis: Revs. J. H. W. Stuckenberg and J. G. Goettman.

3d. On Natural and Revealed Theology: Revs. F. T. Hoover and J. F. Dietterich.

4th. On Church History and Government: Revs. M. Colver and W. E. Crebs.

5th. On Pastoral Theology and Homiletics: Revs. S. B. Bar-nitz and W. S. Porr.

NO. 2.—ADVISORY BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Southern Conference: Rev. A. McLaughlin.

Middle “ Rev. M. Colver.

Northern “ Rev. W. S. Porr.

NO. 3.—EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Revs. J. H. W. Stuckenberg, A. McLaughlin and J. G. Goett-man.

NO. 4.—FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE.

Revs. F. T. Hoover and G. F. Ehrenfeld.

NO. 5.—ORPHANS' HOME COMMITTEE.

Revs. D. L. Ryder, J. G. Goettman and Mr. J. Seibert.

NO. 6.—COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

Revs. J. G. Goettman and A. McLaughlin.

II—DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING SYNODS.

To East	Pennsylvania Synod,	Rev. W. S. Porr.
“ West	“ “	F. T. Hoover.
“ Central	“ “	I. J. Delo.
“ Alleghany	“ “	J. W. Schwartz.
“ East Ohio	“ “	D. L. Ryder.
“ Wittenberg	“ “	J. B. Miller.

III.—DIRECTORS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

CLERICAL.	WHEN ELECTED.	WHEN TERM EXPIRES.
Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg,	October 1869.	October 1872.
“ J. G. Goettman,	“ 1870.	“ 1873.
LAY.		
Peter Graff,	December 1867.	“ 1872.
C. Yeager,	October 1868.	“ 1873.

IV. TRUSTEES OF ORPHANS' HOME.

CLERICAL.	WHEN ELECTED.	WHEN TERM EXPIRES.
Rev. A. McLaughlin,	October 1870.	October 1872.
LAY.		
B. Heckert,	“ “	“ “

V. SPEAKERS AT NEXT CONVENTION.

On Ordination.....	Rev. J. G. Goettman.
“ Home Missions.....	“ A. McLaughlin.
“ Foreign “	“ D. L. Ryder.
“ Education “	“ J. W. Schwartz.

ANNIVERSARIES.

ANNIVERSARY OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

On Thursday evening the Synod held its Anniversary of Foreign Missions. A sermon was preached by Rev. J. B. Miller.

The following contributions were received:

Rev. J. Wright and Mr. S. Meals, each \$5. Messrs. Jacob Daubenspeck and S. Ashbaugh, each \$1. Basket collection, \$13.18. Total, \$25.18

ANNIVERSARY OF EDUCATION.

On Friday evening the Anniversary of Education was held. Rev. F. T. Hoover preached a sermon.

The following brethren contributed their assessment:

Revs. G. F. Ehrenfred, J. W. Schwartz, A. S. Miller, A. McLaughlin, W. S. Porr, F. T. Hoover, D. L. Ryder, J. B. Miller, I. J. Delo, J. F. Dietterich, M. Colver, J. G. Goettman, S. B. Barnitz, S. S. Stouffer, W. E. Crebs, J. W. Reese, and Messrs. J. Daubenspeck, S. Ashbaugh, J. H. Weygandt, J. Johnston, D. Kinch, J. H. Townsend, G. L. Hetrick, S. L. Ogden, H. Ashbaugh, J. Starr, each \$1. Rev. J. Wright and Mr. J. H. Smith, each \$5. Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg and Mr. H. Barr, each \$2. Total by members of Synod, \$40. Sundry members of the congregation contributed \$31.05. Basket collection, \$1.54. Whole amount, \$72.59.

ANNIVERSARY OF HOME MISSIONS.

On Saturday evening the Anniversary of Home Missions was held. A sermon was preached by Rev. S. S. Stouffer.

Annual contributions were given by the following members of Synod:

Revs. G. F. Ehrenfeld, A. S. Miller, S. S. Stouffer, I. J. Delo, W. S. Porr, J. F. Dietterich, D. L. Ryder, J. B. Miller, M. Colver, S. B. Barnitz, A. W. McCullough, F. T. Hoover, J. G. Goettman, J. W. Reese, W. E. Crebs, A. McLaughlin, and Messrs. H. Ashbaugh, H. Barr, J. Johnston, G. L. Hetrick, J. H. Smith, J. Starr, J. H. Weygandt, S. Ashbaugh, J. H. Townsend, each \$1.00. Rev. J. Wright, \$5.00; Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg, and Messrs. D. Kinch, J. Daubenspeck and S. L. Ogden, each \$2.00

Total from members of Synod.....	\$38 00
Contributed by members of the congregation.....	17 00
Basket collection.....	21 05
Total.....	\$76 05

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

IN THE LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Wednesday evening: Synodical sermon.—Rev. J. G. Goettman. Text: Acts ii. 46; 47.

Thursday afternoon: Rev. J. B. Crist. Text: 2d Timothy ii. 3.
 Thursday evening: Foreign Missions.—Rev. J. B. Miller. Text: Luke xvi. 12.

Friday evening: Education sermon.—Rev. F. T. Hoover. Text: 2d Timothy, ii. 15.

Saturday afternoon: Preparatory sermon.—Rev. D. L. Ryder. Text: Matthew vii. 20.

Saturday evening: Home Missions.—Rev. S. S. Stouffer. Text: Luke xix. 13.

Sabbath morning: Communion Sermon—Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenberg. Text: 1st Corinthians iv. 20.

Sabbath Evening: Ordination Sermon—Rev. S. B. Barnitz.
Text: 2d. Timothy iv. 2.

IN THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Sabbath afternoon: 3 o'clock—Rev. J. F. Dietterich. Text:
1st Corinthians xvi. 22.

IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT ANNISVILLE.

Sabbath afternoon: 3 o'clock—Rev. W. S. Porr. Text: 1st
John v. 12.

IN THE PREBSYTERIAN CHURCH AT CONCORD.

Sabbath morning—Rev. M. Colver. Text: Psalm xli. 4.
Sabbath evening—Rev. M. Colver. Text: Revelation ii. 7.

IN THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sabbath morning—Rev. J. Wright. Text: Exodus xiv. 15.
On Sabbath evening, after the Ordination sermon, Revs. D. L.
Ryder, and A. W. McCullough were set apart to the work of the
ministry by the ceremony of Ordination.

RECAPITULATION.

No. Ministers.....	23
No. Charges.....	20
No. Congregations.....	49
No. Communicants.....	3603
No. Adult Baptisms.....	61
No. Confirmations.....	224
No. Members received from Lutheran Churches.....	88
No. Members received from other Denominations.....	59
No. Restorations	40
Whole No. Accessions.....	472
No. Deaths.....	55
No. Dismissions by Certificate.....	90
No. Excommunications.....	27
Whole No. Losses.....	172
No. Accessions over Losses.....	300
No. Infant Baptisms.....	378

No. Death of Children.....		46
No. Catechumens.....		293
No. Prayer Meetings.....		32
No. S. Scholars—Lutheran.....	1789	
No. S. Scholars—Union	1606	
Whole No. Sabbath Scholars.....	—	3395
No. Teachers—Lutheran.....	213	
No. Teachers—Union.....	245	
Whole No. Teachers.....	—	458

CONTRIBUTIONS.

To Synodical Treasury.....	\$ 205 80	
To Education.....	952 89	
To Home Missions.....	837 11	
To Foreign Mission.....	613 24	
To Widows' and Pastors' Fund.....	24 00	
To Orphans' Home.....	380 66	
To Lutheran Publication Society.....	92 80	
To Church Extension.....	113 27	
To other Objects of Benevolence.....	470 15	
To Local Objects	26,326 87	
Whole Amount.....	—	\$30,016 76

CONTRIBUTIONS AT SYNOD.

To Foreign Missions.....	\$ 25 18	
To Home Missions.....	76 05	
To Education.....	72 59	
Whole Amount.....	—	173 82
Total.....	—	<u><u>\$30,190 58</u></u>

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PASTORS AND CHARGES	CONGREGATIONS	Synodical Treasury.	Education.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Widows' and Parents' Fund.	Orphan's Home.	Indian Public-Work Society.	Church Extension.	Other Objects of Benevolence.	Total.
Rev. G. P. Ehrenfeld.....	St. John's.....	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00							
Rev. W. S. Fritz.....	St. Matthew's.....	5.00	5.00	4.00	\$2.00		\$5.00	4.00			\$24.00
Rev. J. Wright.....	Jacob's.....	1.00	15.00	25.00	1.00						
	Mount Union.....	2.00	10.00	15.00	6.00						
Plum Creek Charge.....	Pleasant Union.....	2.00	5.00	25.00	22.00					\$50.00	35.00
	St. Thomas.....	1.00	10.00	12.00	11.00						
	Harmony Grove.....		5.00	8.00	4.00						
Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenborg.....	Messiah.....	1.00	10.00	128.00	19.00			3.00			160.00
Rev. J. W. Swartz.....	Worthington.....	5.00	10.00	10.00	2.00	8.00	15.00				50.00
(Worthington Charge).....	St. Mark's.....	12.00	15.00	8.00	11.00	4.00	11.00	1.00			62.00
Rev. A. S. Miller.....	N. Washington.....	12.00	15.00	25.00	1.00		2.00				55.00
(N. Washington Charge).....	Millerstown.....	8.00	15.00	15.00	1.00		2.00				41.00
Rev. W. E. Crebs.....	Mt. Olive.....		7.00	6.00	5.00						18.00
	Salem.....	1.00	9.00	9.00	9.00						38.00
(Kellersburg Charge).....	St. John's.....	5.00	10.00	10.00	2.00						37.00
	Kellersburg.....		2.00	2.00	2.00						6.00
	Edinville.....			3.00							3.00
Rev. J. O. Goettman.....	English Lutheran Church, Alleghany	15.00	20.00	2.00			2.00				39.00
Rev. A. McLaughlin.....	North Zion.....	1.00	1.00	10.00	20.00	1.00	10.00	20.00			63.00
Rev. F. T. Hoover.....	Hebron.....	5.00	8.00	15.00	17.00						45.00
(Leedsburg Charge).....	Bethesda.....	5.00	1.00	10.00							16.00
Rev. J. F. Dietrich.....	Salem.....	1.00	15.00	15.00	2.00		12.00	4.00			45.00
(Salem Charge).....	Shuperville.....	1.00	14.00	21.00	16.00		13.00	5.00			60.00
	St. Mark's.....	1.00	2.00	20.00	20.00		2.00	15.00			60.00
	Immanuel.....	1.00	2.00	40.00	21.00		12.00	10.00			86.00
Rev. M. Colver.....	Christ.....	2.00	15.00	8.00	14.00		14.00				53.00
(Apollo Charge).....	Apollo.....	1.00	5.00	5.00							11.00
	Boiling Spring.....	2.00	2.00	4.00			2.00				10.00
Rev. J. B. Miller.....	Fayetteville.....	4.00	9.00	22.00	22.00						57.00
(Fayetteville Charge).....	Amity.....	1.00	3.00	15.00	12.00		15.00				46.00
Rev. S. S. Stuffer.....	Mercer.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	4.00						9.00
(West Sunbury Charge).....	Rider's.....	5.00	15.00	8.00							28.00
	West Sunbury.....	6.00	15.00	15.00							36.00
Rev. T. Atkinson.....	Mt. Zion.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00			7.00
Rev. J. W. Reese.....	Mt. C. deary.....	12.00	6.00								18.00
(Licking Charge).....	St. John's.....	5.00	5.00								10.00
Rev. A. W. McCullough.....	Mayville.....	5.00	15.00		2.00						22.00
VACANT CHARGES											
(Freeport Charge).....	Freeport.....										
	St. Matthew's.....										
(Kittanning Charge).....	Bethel.....				4.00		50.00				54.00
	Summit's.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00						4.00
	Christ's.....						11.00				11.00
MISCELLANEOUS	First English Lutheran Church, Wheeling, West Virginia.....	2.00	25.00	25.00	20.00	5.00			20.00	25.00	105.00
Rev. I. J. Delo.....	Emeryville.....	1.00	1.00	7.00	1.00						10.00
(Brookville Mission).....	St. John's.....	1.00	9.00	10.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00			26.00
	Brookville.....	3.00	10.00	2.00	13.00	2.00	2.00	2.00			34.00
Rev. D. I. Ryder.....	Mt. Zion.....	3.00	8.00	14.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	1.00			32.00
(Monongahela City Mission).....	Monongahela City.....	4.00	7.00	25.00	0.00	2.00	2.00	2.00			38.00
Amount.....		\$381.80	\$682.80	\$517.41	\$616.24	\$24.00	\$8,806.66	\$62.00	\$11,212.21	\$4,703.15	\$26,636.87

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

PASTORS AND CHARGES.	CONGREGATIONS	Communicants	ADDITIONS TO FULL MEMBERSHIP					LOSERS			Infant Baptisms	Deaths of Children	Catechumens	Prayer Meetings	SABBATH-SCHOOLS		Union	
			By Baptism	By Confirmation	From Sister Churches	From Other Denominations	Restoration	By Death	By Certificate	By Excommunication					Luth'n Evangelical Sch. Sch.	Teachers		
Rev. G. F. Ehrenfeld.....	St. John's.....	116	7	41	1	1	2	3	5	1	27	4	20	20	35	...	...	
Rev. W. S. Parr.....	St. Matthew's.....	130	2	4	1	1	1	...	5	3	11	7	...	45	6	...	...	
(Fryburg Charge).....	Mount Union.....	43	2	11	11	1	1	...	9	1	...	1	...	6	...	...	...	
Rev. J. Wright.....	Pleasant Union.....	54	2	14	1	1	...	...	6	...	...	5	...	6	...	...	...	
(Plain Creek Charge).....	St. Thomas.....	45	2	4	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Rev. J. H. W. Snickenberg.....	Harmony Grove.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Rev. J. W. Schwartz.....	Wessiah.....	115	1	7	6	9	2	...	...	10	2	1	...	6	20	...	...	
(Worthington Charge).....	Worthington.....	71	1	9	2	...	6	...	9	4	74	1	...	...	...	...	...	
Rev. A. S. Miller.....	St. Mark's.....	112	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
(N. Washington Charge).....	North Washington.....	88	3	10	5	2	2	...	3	3	18	1	...	115	12	...	...	
Rev. W. E. Crebs, a).....	Millers-town.....	25	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	65	10	...	...	
(Kellersburg Charge).....	Mt. Olive.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	6	...	
Rev. J. G. Goetman.....	Salem.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	60	12	...	
Rev. A. McLaughlin.....	St. John's.....	25	2	...	...	...	1	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	50	10	...	
Rev. F. T. Hoover.....	Kellersburg.....	2	...	7	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Rev. J. F. Dierich.....	Eddyville.....	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
(Salem Charge).....	E. Luth'n Church, Allegheny.....	212	3	1	6	5	2	10	...	3	4	1	210	26	...	...	...	
Rev. M. Colver.....	North Zion.....	64	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
(Apollo Charge).....	Hebron.....	105	1	4	1	4	1	1	2	...	21	3	15	1	50	9	...	
Rev. J. B. Miller, a).....	Bethesda.....	148	1	1	3	5	6	1	12	1	5	1	99	8	...	...	...	
(Fayetteville Charge).....	Salem.....	125	11	21	...	...	2	12	17	1	24	2	...	243	49	...	...	
Rev. S. S. Shouffer.....	Shipperville.....	81	...	...	1	1	1	5	3	...	...	...	...	118	22	...	...	
(West Sunbury Charge).....	St. Mark's.....	55	...	...	2	1	5	1	2	...	2	1	...	60	12	...	...	
Rev. J. W. Reese.....	Emmanuel.....	18	2	13	2	3	1	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
(Licking Charge).....	Christ.....	26	2	2	6	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Rev. A. W. McCulley.....	Apollo.....	64	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
VACANT CHARGES.	Boiling Spring.....	14	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Rev. S. S. Shouffer.....	Fayetteville.....	14	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
(West Sunbury Charge).....	Unity.....	7	...	3	...	6	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Rev. J. W. Reese.....	Venice.....	21	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	20	5	...	
(Licking Charge).....	Zion.....	51	4	6	3	2	2	...	...	...	3	25	1	...	90	18	...	
Rev. A. W. McCulley.....	Rider's.....	62	1	1	...	...	1	6	3	5	16	1	...	...	40	6	...	
VACANT CHARGES.	West Sunbury.....	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Rev. S. B. Barnitz.....	Mt. Zion.....	50	1	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Rev. J. J. Delo.....	Mt. Calvary.....	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	105	18	...	
(Brookville Mission).....	St. John's.....	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Rev. D. L. Ryder.....	Mayville.....	64	...	...	2	...	20	...	...	17	...	...	...	...	125	7	...	
(Monongahela City Mission).....	Freeport.....	61	...	1	...	...	2	2	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Rev. S. B. Barnitz.....	St. Matthew's.....	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Rev. J. J. Delo.....	Freeport.....	112	6	15	8	3	...	6	2	...	14	1	30	2	...	120	13	
Rev. D. L. Ryder.....	Emmanuel's.....	64	...	6	...	1	...	1	2	...	9	3	...	...	9	...	...	
Rev. D. L. Ryder.....	Christ's.....	61	...	3	1	...	...	1	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Rev. S. B. Barnitz.....	St. Evan Luth. Ch., Wheeling, W. Va.	110	2	8	6	1	2	1	11	5	27	3	10	2	320	25	...	
Rev. J. J. Delo.....	Freeport.....	70	5	...	...	2	...	1	15	5	2	16	1	...	...	...	...	
(Brookville Mission).....	St. John's.....	64	...	7	...	1	...	...	1	5	1	10	2	...	110	16	...	
Rev. D. L. Ryder.....	Freeport.....	40	...	1	5	...	...	2	...	4	4	...	1	70	10	...	...	
Rev. D. L. Ryder.....	Monongahela City.....	23	1	...	3	1	2	1	7	...	...	...	...	...	75	7	...	
(Monongahela City Mission).....	Mt. Zion.....	51	2	6	1	1	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	6	...	
Total.....	Total.....	1603	61	224	88	59	40	55	90	27	378	46	203	37	1759	213	1606	245

NS.	Communicants.....	ADMISSIONS TO FULL MEMBERSHIP.			
		By Baptism.....	By Confirmation.....	From Sister Churches	From Other Denominations.....
.....	136	7	41	1	3
.....	130	2	4	1	
.....	63	2	11	11	
.....	54		2	1	1
.....	45		4	3	
.....	30				
.....	135	1	7	6	9
.....	90		9	2	
.....	79	1	1		
.....	112				
.....	88	3	10	5	2
.....	25		1		1
.....	35				
.....	25				
.....	25		7		
.....	20				
by.....	239	3	10	6	5
.....	64		2		
.....	141	2	7	2	
.....	105	1	4	1	4
.....	128	1	1	3	5
.....	125	11	23		
.....	80			1	1
.....	55			2	3
.....	130	2	13	2	3
.....	86	2	2	6	1
.....	64	2	2	1	
.....	120			2	
.....	73		3		6
.....	21				1
.....	83	4	6	3	2
.....	62	1	1		
.....	16				
.....	50	1			
.....	39				
.....	30				
.....	64			2	
.....	61		1		
.....	40				
.....	132	6	15	8	3
.....	84		6		1
.....	61		3	1	
g. W. Va.	110	2	8	6	1
.....	70	5	5		2
.....	64		7		1
.....	40		1	5	
.....	23		1	6	3
.....	51	2	6	1	1
.....	3603	61	224	88	59